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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1.	Subm	dission required under 37 CFR § 1.114					
		Previously submitted					
			Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on . (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).				
			Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .				

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2. Miscellaneous											
	Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three (3) months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required) EE CALCULATION:										
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statutory period of month(s).

A Notice of Appeal was filed . An Appeal Brief is due on . Applicants are filing this Request for Continued Examination in lieu of this Appeal Brief. Petition is hereby made to extend the time period from to and through comprising a total extension of month(s).

The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

The Commission is hereby authorized to charge payment of the above fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is attached in duplicate.

SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

Date: March 8, 2004

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